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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Director

THRU: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director *mon*

THRU: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *W. Hedberg*

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *PBB*

RE: Request for Approval of Form and Amount of Reclamation Surety, Ralph Simpson, Homer and Barts Mine, S/047/078, Uintah County, Utah

On November 25, 2003, the Division received a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for the referenced mine, together with a reclamation contract and a cashier's check for \$5,000.00. The operator is proposing a stone gathering operation near the Green River south of Vernal but does not intend to have more than one acre of disturbance at any time.

The Division sent a fax copy of the notice to the State Historic Preservation Office on December 1, 2003, and also sent them an electronic mail description of the site and request for comments on this same date. It has now been 15 days since the Division sent this information; we have had no response to date. Our memorandum of understanding with SHPO allows the Division to proceed with allowing the proposed activity if no reply is received within 10 days.

If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the reclamation surety please sign and date the reclamation contract. We will then issue final Division acceptance of the Homer and Barts Mine and forward copies of the executed documents to them for their records. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Enclosure: MR-RC & surety
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Agree
LP Braxton
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